



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

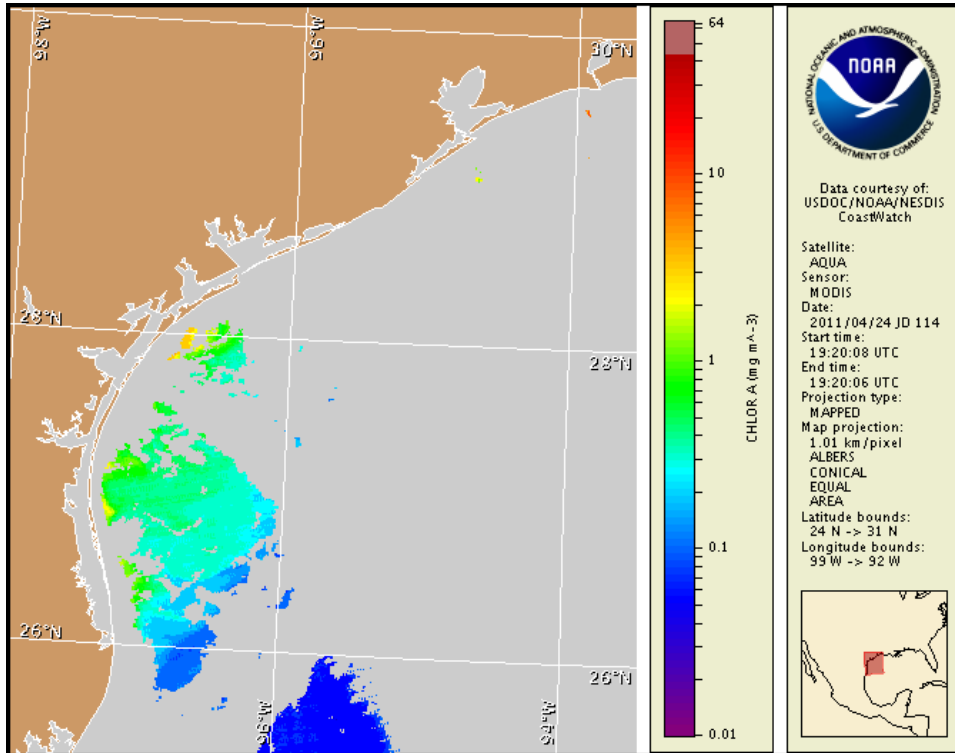
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from April 15 to 21 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in Texas. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has re-opened the approved areas of Corpus Christi Bay, Aransas Bay, and St. Charles Bay to shellfishing. No impacts are expected alongshore Texas today through Sunday, May 1.

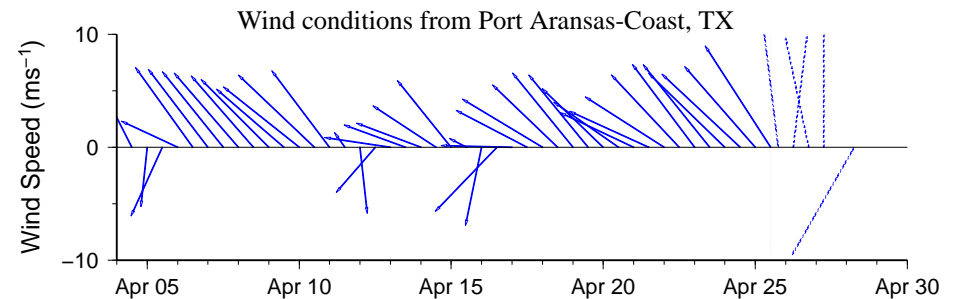
Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom along the coast of Texas. Recent sample data indicate that the *Dinophysis ovum* bloom has diminished significantly, and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has re-opened the approved areas of Corpus Christi Bay, Aransas Bay, and St. Charles Bay to shellfishing (TPWD; 4/15).

Recent imagery is almost completely obscured by clouds along the Texas coastline, limiting analysis. No update is currently available for the region along- and offshore stretching from Sabine Pass to Matagorda Bay where elevated to significant levels of chlorophyll were reported on 4/16 (MODIS; not shown); however, elevated chlorophyll present at the coast is likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments and not related to a harmful algal bloom.

Forecast models indicate a negligible transport (<10km) north along the coast from Port Aransas from April 24-28.

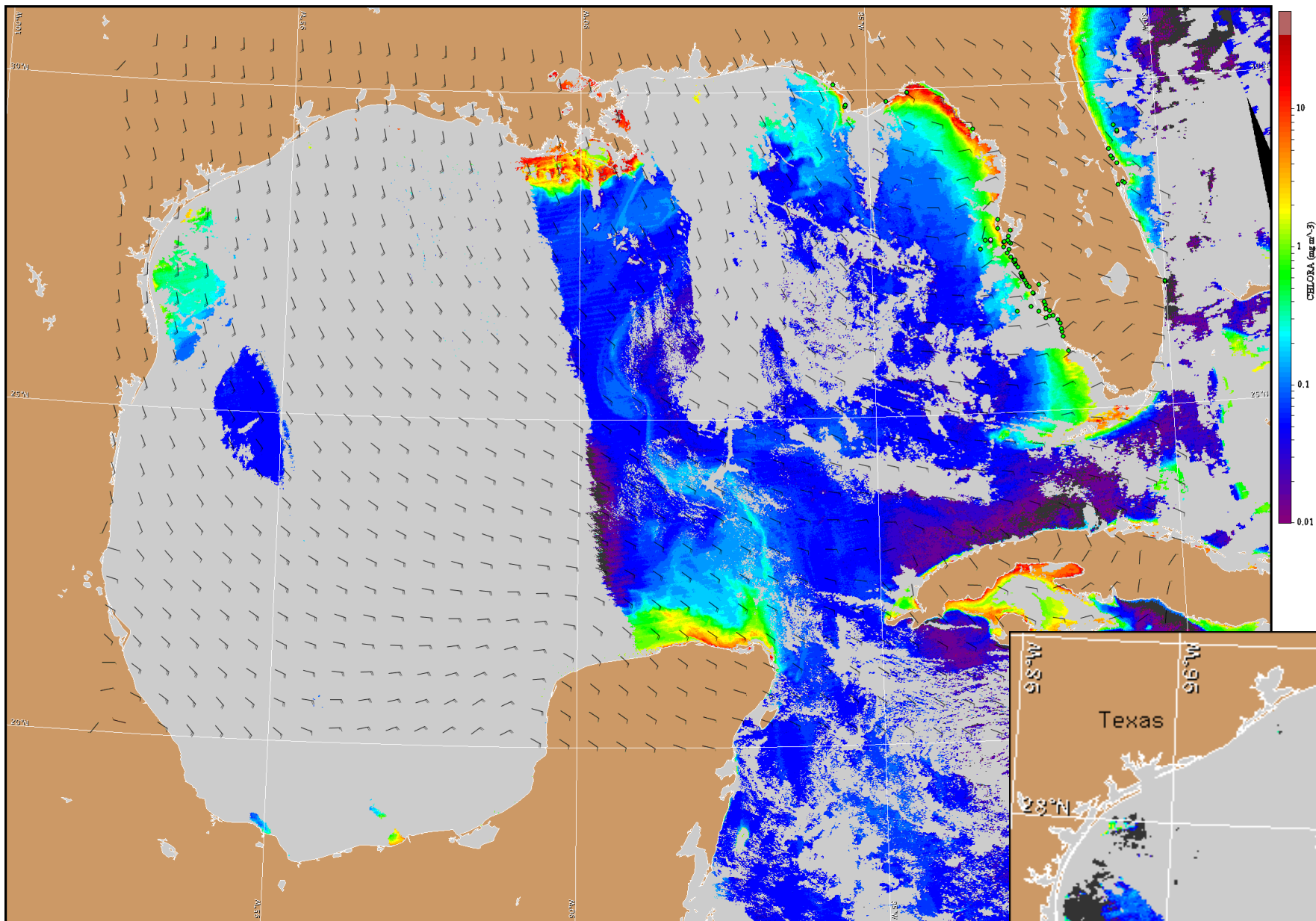
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

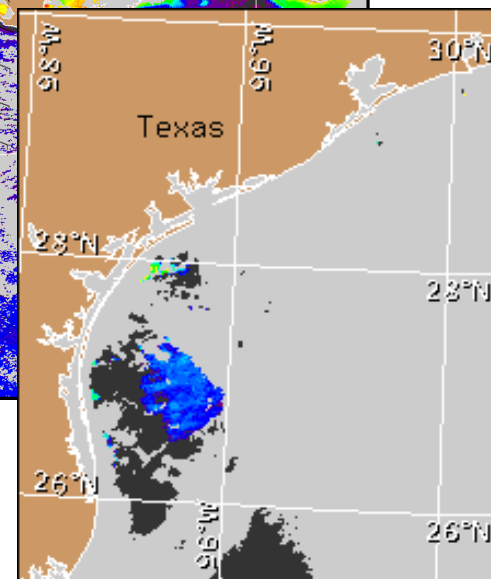
Wind Analysis

Port Aransas: South wind (15-25kn, 8-13m/s) today through Tuesday. Northwest wind (15-20kn, 8-10m/s) Wednesday becoming northeast (20-25kn, 10-13m/s) Wednesday afternoon through Thursday. Southeast wind (15-20kn) Thursday and Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for April 26, 2011 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from April 15 to 21 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).